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Labor, Job Analyses Studies To Be Made In Local Counties

Robert Mosteller, student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is working in the Upper Hiwassee Watershed this summer as a Resource Development Intern. He has been making a labor survey for the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association in Clay, Cherokee, Swain, Union, and Fannin counties.

Mr. Mosteller is taking a sample of households in the counties to determine the labor potential of the area. The results of the study will be used to tailor programs aimed at preparing those not fully employed for potential job opportunities.

Job opportunities are being analyzed by another Intern,

Michael Brown, a student of Western Carolina University at Cullowhee. The results of the two studies will be published in cooperation with the Southern Regional Education Board Office of Economic Opportunity and Tennessee Valley Authority.

Members of the Intern Committee include: John Ramsay, John C. Campbell Folk School, chairman; Carl Moore, Tri-County Center; Verlin Martin, Foursquare; Jere Farley, V TVA; Charles Erwin, Employment Security Commission; Mrs. Lena Greene, Foursquare; Peter McKeon, Rimco; Dr. Clifford Lovin, Western Carolina Univ.; and Dr. Samuel Wells of Chapel Hill.

Doctors Volunteer For Head Start Program

Two area doctors have volunteered to serve as dental medical directors for the head start program in Clay, Cherokee, Graham, and Swain counties.

Dr. Jennings Bristol is the dental Director and Dr. C. O. Van Gorder is the Medical Director.

Dr. Bristol, the son of Mr. Mrs. George Bristol of Hayesville, has just completed 20 years of service in the U. S. Army. Prior to that he attended Young Harris College, Western Carolina University and Emory University School of Dentistry in Atlanta. He is married to the former Brenda Nickelson of Marietta and has two children, Randy 3 and Anita 15 months.

Dr. Bristol plans to begin private practice in Symrna, Georgia on August 15.

Dr. Van Gorder is presently associated with the Valley River Clinic and Chief of Staff at the District Memorial Hospital in Andrews. He is married to the former Helen Lockerby and has three children. One son, C. O. Van Gorder III is a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army; Cathie is a rising sophomore at St. Andrews College and Suzanne is a Freshman at Young Harris College.

As Directors of the Medical and Dental services, these doctors coordinate and supervise all phases of the medical and dental programs and provides liaison with all community health agencies in the four county area. In addition, each works very closely with the Policy Advisory Committee of each Head Start Center.

Charles Erwin Transferred

Phillip R. Penland, Area Supervisor of the Employment Security Commission, announces the appointment of Charles N. Erwin, Jr. as manager of the Hendersonville Office of the Employment Security Commission.

Murphy Lions Club. Erwin and his wife Linda and three children, Susan, Sally, and John will move to Hendersonville in the near future.

Pizza Dinner

Erwin has served as manager of the Murphy office since September, 1965. He is a graduate of Clemson University and served as an infantry Lieutenant in the U. S. Army.

While in Murphy, Erwin was a member of the official Board of the First Methodist Church, active in Red Cross activities, and was treasurer elect of the

There will be a Spaghetti and Pizza Dinner tomorrow (Friday) from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in Murphy. The plates will be \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for children. The Dinner is being held for the Methodist Youth Fund.



Trantham Receives Awards

Major T. W. Hancock, Jr., Inspector-Instructor is shown presenting the Purple Heart certificate and Medal, National Defense Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal to Mrs. Mary E. Trantham.

The awards were posthumously presented to Mrs. Trantham's son L/Cpl. RAYMOND F. TRANTHAM who died 19 May 1968 in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province, Republic of Viet Nam.

(Photo by Bill Gray)

Four Square Board Of Directors Attend Regular Meetings

Eleven members of the Board of Directors of the Four Square Action Program met in the Community Center in Andrews last Saturday. This meeting was the first of a 16 hour training course for the board members.

The course included the duties of the members, their respective responsibilities to the staff and to the public.

The Board of Directors was commended for giving their time to the regular monthly meeting, call meetings and the training school which will require 12 more hours to complete, a Four Square member said.

The next training course will be Friday and Saturday nights, August 9th and 10th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. By breaking the hours down to three hour classes instead of the six hour class Four Square officials hoped that more members will be present for these meetings.

The Board members are listed below, and Four Square requests that those listed to be present at the next meeting in the Community Center in Andrews.

Alvin Penland, and Anderson Bell.

Graham County: Betty Jean Jackson, Herman Johnson, Clarence Phillips, Frank Rodgers, Frank Long, Wayne Carringer, Frances Carver, Edward Dillard, and Helen Ghormsley.

Swain County: William Sudderth, Mr. Florence McMahan, Mr. Roy Stiles, O'Dell Shuler, Ellen Hyamms, P. L. Jones, Tom Cromwell, the Rev. John Bowden and Stanley Livingston.

USDA Food Given To 156,796 In N.C.

U. S. Department of Agriculture food programs aided 156,796 needy persons in 86 of North Carolina's counties during June. In the four county area of Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain Counties the total number of recipients increased from 2828 to 2814 from May to June.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said that 110,435 persons in 61 counties took part in its commodity distribution program and that 46,361 persons in 25 counties took part in its food stamp program.

Three more counties were scheduled to begin food assistance programs in July. June's participation was down 3,912 persons from the number that took part during May. This was attributed mainly to the seasonal increase in employment.

In North Carolina, the commodity distribution program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the food stamp program is administered by the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare, both in cooperation with the Consumer and Marketing Service. Only 25 counties in N. C. participate in the Food Stamp Program, none of which are in the Western Counties.

Commodities distributed during June to needy North Carolina families had an estimated retail value of about \$9 million. These foods included canned chopped meat, cheese,

Criminal Court Completed: Two Arsonists Plead Guilty

All of the 90 cases on the Superior Court calendar were brought before court Monday and Tuesday without any case going before the jury. Of the 90 cases verdicts were rendered on only 25. Twelve of these were against one man. Four received sentences, with the remainder of the 25 either having their case dismissed or no true bill was found. Pleas of guilty were entered in all of the cases in which a verdict was given.

Steve Killian and Don Wolfe received an eight to ten year sentence after pleading guilty to setting the fire that burned several downtown Murphy buildings last February.

Bobby Dockery was also charged with setting the fire, but his case was continued until the next court, which will be in November.

Two other people received sentences during the day and a half court session. Kenneth James was sentenced to not less than 20 days and not more than six months on 12 charges of public drunkenness. James also was sentenced to 20 days in the county jail on one of the 12 charges.

Helen Louise Lance was sentenced to 18 to 24 months for forging checks. This sentence was suspended and she was placed on three years of probation.

The remainder of the cases were either continued till the next term, remanded to the district court or retired from the docket.

Football Practice Begins

The Murphy High School Football team will begin practice Wednesday, August 7th, head coach Terry Postell announced Monday. All players are to report for medical examinations 12:00 on the 7th, with practice beginning at 7:00 p.m. The examinations will be at the Murphy High Gym.

The insurance costs, which must be paid before the first practice, will cost \$8.00 for upperclassmen and \$2.50 for Freshmen.

Many of those continued was due to failure of the defendant to appear or to the absence of a prosecuting witness.

GRAND JURY REPORT
During the Session the 17 members of the Grand Jury inspected the courthouse and the jail. They found the jail to

be in satisfactory condition except that several repairs needed to be done. The Jury recommended that the whole premises be given a general cleaning and that funds be made available by the Commissioners for this purpose.

The courthouse also needed

repairs, especially to the roof and to the Register of Deeds office. Other recommendations included the janitorial upkeep of the building.

Max McClure, Grand Jury Foreman stated in this report that the schools will be inspected at later date when they will be open.

Softball Tournament Continues:

Murphy's Team Wins First Games

By John Manuel, District Director

The Far West District Slow Pitch Softball Tournament enters its second week of activity tonight (Friday, Aug. 2) at 6:15 with a game between the Robbinsville Dirty Reds and the State Highway Department of Murphy. To the loser goes the dubious honor of being the first team eliminated from the tournament.

The game will be followed at 7:30 with the winner of the Andrews Independents, and Jim's Laundry game on Wednesday going against the Levi Strauss and Belks winner.

At 8:45 the surprising Blue Boars of Robbinsville will attempt to quiet the big bats of Texana. The crowd-pleasing Texana squad hammered three home runs over the 275 foot outfield fence in their last game.

Two Murphy teams battle in the final game as Clifton Precision takes on Coble Dairy.

Play will continue on Saturday with five games starting with the Triplets and Orange Owls at 5:30.

Beginning Monday there will be four games per night with the first beginning at 6:15. The tournament ends Saturday, August 10th.

Action went about as expected during the first week of the tournament with the only upset being the Blue Boar win over the Triplets by a 5 to 3 count. This win avenged five losses to the Triplets during league play. The winners were led by Mac Grant with three hits and Ken McKeldrey added a triple and a single to the totals.

In the opening tournament game Na-Bers of Bryson City whipped the Dirty Reds by a 7 to 1 score. David Seay led the winners at the plate with three hits and Jim Corbin's triple with two on in the sixth inning iced the game for the Swain County squad.

A bases loaded homer by Ernie Sudderth in the top of the seventh broke a 6 to 6 tie and gave Texana a hard earned 10 to 6 win over Texaco of Andrews. After spotting the winners a six run lead through four innings, Texaco rallied to tie it up on George Postell's third hit a triple with two on.

This set the stage for Sudderth's big blow. Wendell Howard with four hits including two homers led a powerful Sids' Laundry team to an 18 to 8 swamping

of Topton. Two of the 1967 district All-Stars, Henry King and Buddy Jenkins, each added three hits to the 20 hit attack for the winners. Carl Roper had three hits for Topton in the losing cause.

The Independents of Andrews spotted Coble Dairy six runs in the first inning and then came back to head them off 16 to 6. Pitcher Eldon Morrow had four hits to lead the winners 21-hit attack. He was aided by three hits each by Jim Sursavage, Jackie Ledford and Lloyd Cash.

Bell Creek of Hayesville got off to a four run lead in the first two innings, but the Levi Strauss speedsters ran runs in the basepaths in third inning when they scored ten runs to go on to a 17 to 7 win. Roger Beaver had a single and homerun in the big inning. Hoyt Brown added three doubles to the winners attack.

In a repeat of one of last years games, Sealtest again stopped Clifton Precision by a 6 to 5 count. With the score tied 5 to 5 Jerry Postell doubled in Carl Sutton in the fifth inning with the go ahead run. Johnny Love with three singles led the winners at the plate. David Thompson had a single and a triple to lead the losers.

Grady Ingle turned in the outstanding pitching performance of the opening round in limiting the Orange Owls to three singles in leading Rimco to a 13 to 3 win. Wayne Watson led the winners with a single and a triple.

John Powell slammed two long homeruns and a triple to lead Texana to a 17 to 7 win over State Highway. His second homerun was a tremendous clout hitting behind the lightpoles in rightfield. These poles are set 320 feet from homeplate. Eugene Cox also slammed the ball over the fence in the seventh inning. Texana had a total of twenty-one hits. Ray Spangler and Johnny Moore had two hits for the losers who rallied for five runs in the third to knot the score, but eventually went down before the heavy Texana attack.

Large crowds were present for the opening two nights of activities in the tournament which is once again being sponsored by the Robbinsville Lions Club.

Social Security Pays Over \$2 1/2 Million

In Clay County, over \$53,700 a month-and close to \$644,500 a year- are now being paid to over 900 beneficiaries. At the end of 1966 Clay County citizens were receiving a little over \$43,000 a month.

These benefit figures have just been released by Jack Britt, field representative of the Asheville district office of the Social Security Administration.

Mr. Britt further stated that benefit payments of over \$50 million yearly are being made in the 16 counties of Western North Carolina served by the Asheville office, and that benefits totaling over \$470 million a year are being paid to some 560,000 North Carolinians throughout the state.

Nationally, Social Security monthly benefits now exceed \$2 billion, an increase of more than \$360 million above the December 1966 figure. More than 24 million men, women, and children-or nearly 1 out of every 8 Americans are now receiving monthly checks of one type or another.

Britt pointed out that about 18.4 million of those receiving benefits at the end of February were 62 or older. An additional 2.2 million were disabled workers under 62 and their young dependents.



Murphy Police Trainees

Murphy Police Trainees pictured above are partially sponsored by the New Career program of Four Square. These trainees spend part of their time attending classes at Tri-County Technical Institute and the other part

training with Murphy policemen. From left to right are Murphy mayor Cloe Moore, Murphy Chief of Police, Pete Stalcup. Earnest Fowler, Tommy Palmer, David Henton and David Gregory.

Shields Awarded

Randolph Shields, rural carrier on route one in Culberson, has been awarded the 14 year Safe Driver Award by the National Safety Council.

Apple Bumper Crop

Jack Earley, left, Cherokee County Extension Agent, looks over a tree owned by Doyle Burch, Sr. that is loaded down with apples. Earley commented that although there is very

few apples grown commercially in the county, this tree is proof that they will grow here. Anyone wanting information about starting a crop should contact Mr. Earley.